




Restoring Ancestral Winds mission is to support healing in our Indigenous communities. We will: advocate for healthy relationships; educate our communities on issues surrounding stalking, domestic, sexual, dating and family violence; collaborate with Great Basin community members and stakeholders; honor and strengthen traditional values of all our relations.

*We are always striving to make a difference, and invite you to learn more and lend your support.*

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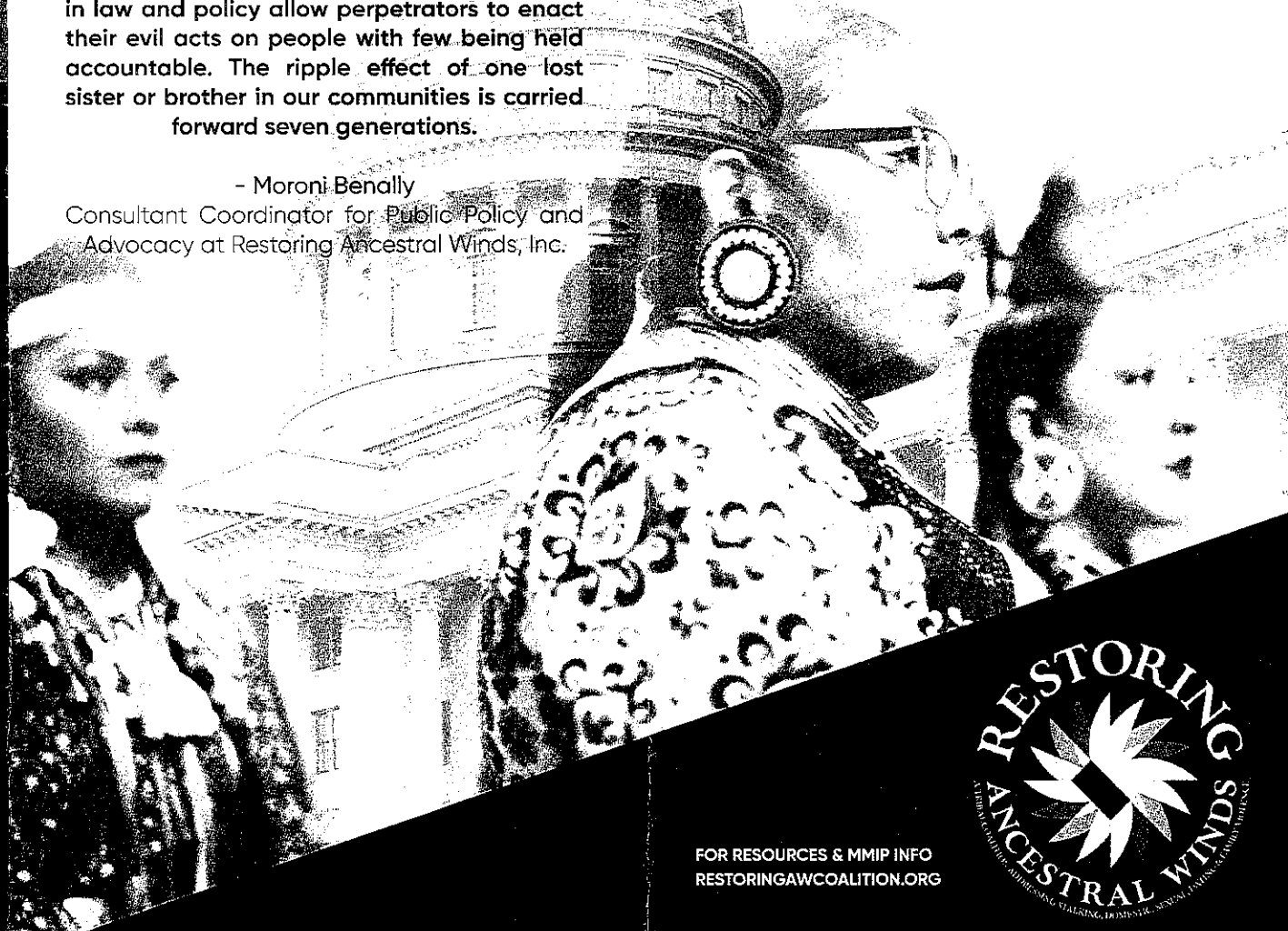
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Across the US, Indigenous communities and nations have struggled with endemic violence targeting primarily women, girls, and Two-spirit people. This violence often ends with one going missing or being murdered. This crisis is compounded by lack of media attention, and when attention is given, Indigenous communities and victims are often misrepresented. Additionally, settler law and policy formulation regarding violence against Indigenous people, in particular women and girls, is ignored and assigned low policy priority. Law and policy can be implicated in numerous cases of our brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, and nieces and nephews going missing or being murdered. Loopholes in law and policy allow perpetrators to enact their evil acts on people with few being held accountable. The ripple effect of one lost sister or brother in our communities is carried forward seven generations.

- Moroni Benally  
Consultant Coordinator for Public Policy and Advocacy at Restoring Ancestral Winds, Inc.



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## FACT SHEET/OVERVIEW

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## OVERVIEW

National Crime Information Center reports **5,712 missing Native American women, girls, and LGBTQ in 2016.**

**4** out of **5**  
of our Native women  
& girls are affected by  
violence today.

The U.S Department of Justice found that Native American women face homicide rates that are more than **10 times the national average.**

**1 in 4 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Females is 18 and under.** This crisis is one that impacts those who identify as female at alarming rates. ([Sovereign Bodies Institute](#))

**Homicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for Native American girls ages 1-4, the 3rd leading cause of death among 10-24 years of age and the fifth leading cause of death for Native American and Alaska Native women between 25 and 34 years of age.** ([Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Homicide](#))

In Utah homicide rate for Native American is 8.3/100,000, 1.4 for Asian, 4.8 for Black, 2 for white. In Utah, for every one white homicide, there are 4 homicides for Native Americans. ([Utah Office of Vital Records and Statistics](#))

*Utah data in missing and murdered is incomplete.*

## MULTIPLE PATHWAYS TO GOING MURDERED AND MISSING

**Underlying risk factors that may contribute to disproportionate rates of violence:**

- Prior victimization
- Experienced abuse, neglect
- Witness domestic violence
- Experience family & community poverty

## HARM ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

**12.4%** unemployment rate in Utah.

**28.4%** children living below federal poverty line.

**54.7%** single mother with children living below poverty line.

**3 times more likely** to NOT have a HS diploma.

**More likely to rent** than own a home leading to housing instability.

*Underlying risks can lead to elevated risks for trafficking, stalking, domestic violence, sexual assault, homicide, and going missing.*

## Tribal, state, federal agency data:

- Incomplete data (some data not collected)
- Tribal, state, federal jurisdiction impacting data collection & reporting
- Racial misclassification in reporting

([Urban Indian Health Institute, Seattle Indian Health Board. \(2017\). Community Health Profile: Individual Site Report, Salt Lake City Urban Indian Health Program Service Area. Settle, WA: Urban Indian Health Institute](#))



*What occurs in the land echoes in the bodies of Indigenous Peoples. Environmental devastation directly corresponds with the dehumanization and degradation of Indigenous Peoples, and more precisely, Native women and girls. We recognize violence against Indigenous women and girls as a worldwide assault of immeasurable brutality – a human made pandemic. And we know that it is an extension of ongoing settler colonialism and the associated trauma and exploitation taking place in the natural world. These are twined together.*

– Tia Oros Peters (Shiwi)

of Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples

